



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Interim Agricultural Commissioner/Director
of Weights and Measures

At its meeting held July 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“During the 2003 legislative session, AB 185 (Horton) was passed and signed by then-Governor Davis. The new law, Food and Agriculture Code Section 486, sets constraints on the Secretary of Food and Agriculture’s ability to contract with Los Angeles County for fiscal year 2004-05. In the 2004 session, AB 1896 (Horton) was introduced to remedy some of those limitations and provide funding for additional promotions of year-round seasonal employees to permanent status. Unfortunately, the bill and the funding have been stalled in the Legislature’s struggle to pass a budget.

“This has left a void at a biologically critical time. It is unclear whether the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will be able to contract with the Agricultural Commission/Department of Weights and Measures (ACWM) or be required to assume the responsibility for the program. CDFA, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union Local 830 and ACWM agreed that until the issue is completely decided, it is best to keep the current County program intact. Consequently, CDFA and ACWM extended the current 2003-04 contract for one month, pursuant to the authority the Board delegated to ACWM in that contract.

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“ACWM is asking the Board to extend this delegated authority so that ACWM may sign contract extensions on a month-to-month basis until AB 1896 and the budget funding are either approved or rejected by the Legislature and the Governor. This contract will fully reimburse all County costs for this program. This will allow the program to continue uninterrupted during this critical time when fruit flies are being found and will avoid the unnecessary disruption of our employees’ lives. In the event that AB 1896 and the budget funding are not approved, CDFA will be required to assume responsibility for this program.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Interim Agricultural Commissioner/ Director of Weights and Measures to enter into a Fruit Fly Detection Agreement with the State Department of Food and Agriculture on a month-to-month basis until AB 1896 (Horton) and the appropriate budget funding are either approved or rejected by the State Legislature and the Governor, to allow the program to continue uninterrupted during this critical time when fruit flies are being found.

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